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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to communications: Application filed 1/4/00.

2. Claims 1-5 are pending. Claims 1, 3, 4, and 5 are independent claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

- 3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:
 - (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.
- 4. Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Logan et al., US Patent 6,199,076 B1, filed 10/2/96.

In reference to claims 1 and 3, Logan teaches an audio program distribution system in which a host system transmits program segments to the client location.

Logan's system comprises the following:

- Playing program segments in an order determined by a session schedule which
 identifies an ordered sequence of program segments. The session schedule is
 created by a server system that develops and periodically transmits to the
 session schedule. A designated portion of the program segment may be a
 hyperlink. See columns 2-3 and 6. Compare to "a control unit obtaining
 address information defined on an information network according to a
 predetermined output sequence."
- Outputting information corresponding to the address information in the sequence to the user. The web page data being made available by means of an HTML

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interface. See columns 2-3 and 6. Compare to "an interface unit transmitting.

..corresponding to the transmitted address information".

Logan teaches providing a hyperlink to a designated portion of the session, thus it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to utilize an address according to the sequence since a URL or hyperlink is an address.

In reference to claims 2, 4, and 5, Logan teaches that there is a program segment identification number representing the output sequence. See column 12. Logan further teaches that a hyperlink can be directed to a program segment which has a ProgramID number. See column 31. The segment can jump to the hyperlink material. Thus Logan teaches a correspondence between an address and a sequence number. See column 31. In playing program segments in an order determined by a session schedule which identifies an ordered sequence of program segments, the designated portion may be a hyperlink. The session schedule is created by a server system that develops and periodically transmits to the session schedule. See columns 2-3 and 6. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to associate address information with a sequence number as Logan teaches it was well known to associate a hyperlink with the ProgramID number of the segment. See columns 2-3, 12, and 31.

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Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

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6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rachna Singh whose telephone number is 703.305.1952. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:30-5).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph Feild can be reached on 703.305.9792. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

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